

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 919

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Amy Whaley on her selection as First CORE Regional Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Amy Whaley is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Whaley has been selected as the First CORE Regional Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a teacher at Morristown-Hamblen High School West, Amy Whaley has been an educator for eighteen years. She received her Bachelor of Science in Business Management and her Master of Arts in Teaching Curriculum from Carson-Newman University; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, a leader and mentor at Morristown-Hamblen High School West, Ms. Whaley serves as the schoolwide community relations chair and advises the Future Business Leaders of America and the journalism club, which produces the award-winning monthly newspaper *West Side Story*; and

WHEREAS, Amy Whaley is an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Whaley truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest precepts of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Amy Whaley on being chosen as the First CORE Regional Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.